As New Zealanders vote for a new Government this month, focus will be on the formation of a new Parliament after the election.

The New Zealand Parliament is a unique institution. It comprises individuals, groups and ideologies which are described by words and expressions not used anywhere else.

Following is a list of these words and expressions. Once you have researched the meanings of these words, write a paragraph explaining to an ‘outsider’ how Parliament is formed and works using as many of these expressions as you can.

**Government Opposition Prime Minister**

**Leader of the Opposition Minority parties MMP**

**Electorate MP List MP Cabinet**

**Caucus Whips Speaker of the House**

**Ayes & Nos Select committees Bill before the House**

**Back Bencher Coalition Partner ‘King Maker’**

**Front Benchers Cabinet Minister Undersecretaries**

**Minister outside Cabinet Associate Minister Majority**

**Left Wing Right Wing Centrist**

**House Sitting House in Recess Bellamys**

**Conscience Vote Party Vote Public Gallery**

**Question Time Governor General Valedictory Speech**

